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Dear Siting Board:

I am a resident of East Boston at 99 Gove St #5, Boston, MA, 02128. I am writing to urge you to deny Eversource a certificate to construct an electric substation. The community has raised their concerns about this project over and over.

These proceedings are based on underlying proceedings which violated the rights of non-English speaking residents many years ago. Any efforts made to rectify that violation have been made in on-going proceedings which did not allow for a proper opportunity to address the original concerns. The latest proceedings are in violation of more recent Environmental Justice laws which have been passed (the Roadmap Law). There has been no substantive analysis of the cumulative impact of this land use on the community. The decision is being rushed to avoid to avoid scrutiny by the new Gubernatorial administration, as well as the results of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act review, and the finalization of an environmental justice strategy. This will perpetuate environmental injustice in my community.

Over the 8 years of this project's development Eversource has repeatedly changed the reasoning as to why this infrastructure was needed, while refusing to provide clear and transparent data to the public to justify these claims. What is clear is that by far the largest beneficiary of this infrastructure and the party with the most need for this substation is Massport. Logan International Airport continues to expand and increase its electricity demands, including things like the expansion of the International Terminal E, as well as increasing numbers of EV rental cars. Massport is constructing new electrical infrastructure on its campus, which is better protected from flooding than the proposed site; is located away from residential areas and playgrounds; has 24 hour State Police security; and is located closer to the Eversource customer with the largest demand. The EFSB has at no point considered whether or suggested that an effort be made to locate the substation at Logan International Airport.

Given the overwhelming opposition from residents, advocates, and elected officials, as well as the horribly unjust track record of this specific project's process through the EFSB, the absolute least that the EFSB can do, and should do, is to deny this certificate and allow the Governor's appointees to the EFSB to weigh in on this project. In the same way that the Board has in the past pushed Eversource to talk with the City of Boston to move the site of the substation, they should also require that the Company talk to Massport about the same idea.

Thank you for your time.

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